

Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>

Today begins calm and pleasant. With the exception of Bill, Steerage boy and Mr. Ford all hands stopped ashore all night. We met Rogers on the wharf growling like a dog with a sore head although he stopped ashore all yesterday and last night. Came aboard and washed off feeling more like going to the calaboose than to go out today. But the consul's orders were imperative and we submitted with as good grace as possible inwardly wishing something would happen to prevent our leaving. And Oh! how I felt - Hey! Calati. Capt. Sweet came off the dilapidated the Chronometer fellow man of war's Resacfelt a kn



out of the way - no wonder  
Tom couldn't use it coming down  
to Tahiti.

Pilot came aboard about 9 A.M.  
and we slushed down and loosed  
the yard arm gaskets and hove  
short.

Capt. his wife and a few  
friends came off not forgetting  
Joe Kanaka who came off to  
bid us adieu. Well we hove  
up anchor after sheeting home the  
topsails and went out with a stiff  
breeze. Arriving outside the reef  
we took leave of the Pilot and  
Bo of Manuel who went out  
with us. Poor fellow! after work-  
ing a year and then go  
without a cent in his  
pocket. Much regret was evinced



at his departure and venture to  
assert <sup>this</sup> much less that his leaving  
affected the crew more than if  
some of his white brother officers  
was leaving as he has made many  
friends by his independent way of  
acting and not fawn and cringe  
to H. Tani the Captain's fowars  
Good luck to him! and with this  
tribute I bid him adieu.

"Splice the main brace" was the  
first order given by the Captain  
which was obeyed with alacrity all  
but the 'lee totaller' I am obeying  
the call. After securing the Anchor  
temporarily we traced forward and  
stood off shore clear old Patiti  
meanwhile growing dim in the di-  
stance while some of the fellows  
(I among the number) felt a kn



choking sensation about the gills.  
Passed to windward of the Island  
of Taturua - at sundown it  
bore off our lee quarter.

Fly jib hoisted about 4 1/2 P.M.  
and if we have this breeze I  
guess the old Gifford will make  
a pretty fair trip - I hope so at  
all events. Oh! Otaru how  
I would like to see you.

Maiti, a Tahiti native, stowed  
away on board being anxious  
as he says to see the world  
I guess he will get enough of it  
that is my experience. Never  
mind the more the merrier.

All the fellows' appetites have  
disappeared but I guess they  
will soon return.



Tuesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>.

Clear and pleasant with a strong breeze and a heavy sea.

Wind East by North -

Steering North and old W<sup>m</sup> Gifford is being driven as she never has been before this voyage.

Commenced mending the Fly jib finished it in the afternoon and bent it.

Took in the light sails the weather being squally.

I thought I saw land from off the maintopgallant yard but was mistaken. Kept off for a few moments but luffed to the wind again.

O h! dear how homesick I feel



Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup>.

Today begins squally and rainy - a calm at noon and a light breeze the latter part of the day. Called all hands at 2 1/2 A.M. to double-reef as there are but four men in a watch. The rigging is in a very rotten condition - as soon as a rope is hauled away it goes. Got downhaul parted then down came down the pennant to the star. main brace - wore new ones also fore clew garnets. Lat. at 4 P.M. 13-5. Lon 149-07. I am assisting Capt. in working observations.

We have two stewards now for King and a person who shipped at Tahiti - for King is prisoner - no Carapio



Thursday June 6<sup>th</sup>

The wind to day has been variable and also the weather beautifully - in the latter part pleasant. This is <sup>the</sup> first pleasant evening since we left port and we have been singing on deck. Capt's wife has also been on deck enjoying the change and it seems quite home like to see her engaged in knitting. We have been engaged to day in reeving new Running rigging the old being very rotten.

Rove new Fore Reef Patches Mainto gallant buntline and gaskets, fly jib tack and made quite a hole in the toulane. Lat 11-40 - Lon.

148-32. Oh! dear I hope we will get to France soon.



Friday June 7<sup>th</sup>

Clear and pleasant day  
with a moderate breeze and  
a heavy sea. Wind N. East.  
Engaged in the morning in  
fleeting the topsail halyards  
and making foxes - in the  
afternoon took the sprinker  
down mended it and bent  
it again. So ends the  
day All sail out. Heading  
N. by N. The stowaway  
came out yesterday and is  
in J. Souza's watch and  
is quite an addition to the  
crew. Lat. 10 - 05.



Saturday June 8<sup>th</sup>

A continuation of yesterday's weather with a smoother sea. Wind in the morning about N. E. during the rest of the day E. N. E. and steady - the Gifford has been doing pretty well today. Lat.  $74^{\circ} 5'$ . I couldn't ascertain the Longitude. Engaged in the morning in righting up and lashing the anchors - in the afternoon scrubbed the quarter deck with lye and at 4 P. M. washed off the main deck also lashed the spars on top of the house stowing away the Boat-sails. I guess they will not be used right away as the ship is a whaler no longer. I played my first game of Cassino tonight.



Sunday June 9<sup>th</sup>

Clear and pleasant with  
a steady breeze and the  
Gifford has been doing her  
prettiest. Wind E. N. E.  
Heading North. All sail out.  
Lat. at noon 5-18 South.  
Joe. King came forward today  
and Harry the Consul's man  
took the steward ship. He gave  
us a treat consisting of Dried  
Apples, Canned Meats, ginger-  
bread, et cetera. Every body is  
in good spirits in anticipation  
of a good time in San Francisco.  
The lee back-rope was  
discovered stranded today.



Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup>.

~~Clear and pleasant.~~ Today  
has been stormy and unpleas-  
-ant but with a good breeze, vary-  
-ing from East to North East.  
Took in the stranded back-  
-rope made a new one and set  
it up. Filled the water-  
-butt. In the afternoon cleared  
up the Fore Hold and washed  
off. Lat. at noon 2°-56'S.  
and I expect soon to be in  
Neptune's domain.

Took in the light sails at  
6<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> P.M. and "all hands" double  
reefed the Foretop sail after  
7 o'clock. - it has cleared off  
but there is a strong breeze  
from E.N.E.

So ends this day.  
Booke out Breef.



Tuesday June 11<sup>th</sup>

Pleasant with a strong breeze  
from the East with a heavy  
sea. Lat. at noon 0-38'8."

and perfect to pass the  
Line about midnight.

Working in the Rigging  
in the morning. In the

afternoon broke out four  
gallons sperm oil for the  
cabin use and set up

the <sup>port</sup> main topmast to gallant  
and royal tack stays after  
four o'clock.

Set the main to gallant  
sail and hook the reefs  
out the Fore top sail.

So ends this day  
I read my letters over at  
day and it makes me  
anxious to get home again.

So ends according to  
Sail.

1899-10 M.



Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>.

Clear and pleasant with a moderate breeze from the East - until about sundown when it shifted a point to the southward. Hoisting N. E. by N. everything out except the Gaff Topsail which has not been set since leaving port. Set up the weather forecast back stays and broke out Flour in the morning. Lat. at noon 1°-19' N. We crossed the Line about 11 o'clock last night and I guess old Neptune was napping.

Let hold after 4 o'clock and pumped her out after supper. My watch gave the Forecastle a good cleaning out this morning washing under the bunks &c.



Thursday June 3<sup>rd</sup>

To day has been cloudy and unpleasant with little or no wind - about sundown a breeze sprang up increasing as I write (7 P.M.). Heading N. E. by N. Wind E. by South. Lat. at noon  $2^{\circ} 50'$  North Lon. at 8 A.M.  $148^{\circ} - 34'$  West. Engaged all day in working on the rigging. Set up the backstays aft again and the mainmast rigging. Rove new Fore & gallant Sheals and Clewlines. and set up the lee backrope again. I commenced making a pair of pants which Antone cut for me - a tanker and a tailor el celera.



Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup>.

Cloudy and squally with rain  
Wind varying from S. E. to  
East.

Put part of a cask of water  
in the butt and seized off  
the Main to Foremast Rigging.  
and fitted the nozzle for  
the hose.

Heading at present (7 P. M.)  
North East with the fly jib  
and Foretopgallant sail in,  
and my eight hour in.

Harry has been cleaning  
the dinner bell to day  
and our ears are greeted  
with the sounds of it  
ringing at meal times.  
To Harley prohibited it  
the first part of the  
voyage.



Saturday June 15<sup>th</sup>

Unpleasant and squally  
all day and every body  
seems unpleasant and  
gloomy too. We had but  
little in the morning and  
but little more in the latter  
part. Wind varying from  
N. N. E. to East by South.  
Not doing much except  
working around in the rigging  
and I do believe we will not  
get through until we get to  
Frisco which I sincerely hope  
will be before a great while  
Lat. at 4 P. M. 6° 35' N.

We have just taken in the  
light sails (6 1/2 P. M.) and  
I have a watch on deck at  
seven o'clock - my lookout.



Sunday June 16<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy and stormy with  
a strong breeze and heavy sea  
wind about N. E. Ship under  
double reefed topsails courses  
and jib. We double reefed last  
night at 11 P. M. all hands  
engaged. and done it again  
after supper. Lat. at 4 P. M.  
7° 45' N. Lon. 147° 40' heading  
North by West

"Bright times on the old  
Bill Gifford" - canned  
meats forward owing to the  
generosity of Harry the new  
steward. Oh! how it would  
grieve the "Old Man's" heart  
to know that the "damned  
rascals" were living this way.



Monday June 17<sup>th</sup>

We have had splendid weather to day - the wind and sea having abated considerably. I took out the reef and set the light sails in the morning and we made quite a good run to day.

Lat.  $40^{\circ} 23' N$ . I took an observation to day using Geo. Chadwick's Sextant.

Broke out Beef and Pork in the morning but the latter proving bad we broke out a barrel of good pork after four o'clock. I guess we are in the North East Trades heading N. N. W.

Officers have been cleaning their tank guns - I guess they will not use them <sup>away</sup> ~~right~~.



Tuesday June 18<sup>th</sup>

Clear and pleasant - with  
a strong breeze - wind N. E.  
Heaving N. N. W.

Lat. at noon  $11^{\circ} 33'$  North.

Emptied the water-casks  
which was on deck and  
scrubbed the fresh water  
buckets and broke out  
5 Sugar. "Wonder of Won-  
ders!" parsimonious Rogers  
gave a pot full to each  
watch - and patted down  
at that. "Heigho! what  
are we coming to. Something  
extraordinary must have hap-  
pened to produce ~~such~~ an  
event unheard of in the  
annals of this voyage.

Fixed aount at P. M.  
for the benefit of Mrs Sweet



Wednesday June 19<sup>th</sup>

Clear and pleasant with  
wind from the N. East.  
Engaged in the morning  
in working in the rigging.  
Set up the lee foreloft  
mast back stays and broke  
out bread and flour.

Lat. at noon  $13^{\circ} 57' N$ .

Cooper asked the Captain  
for Muger bread and

Bread & course

Give a sailor an inch &c  
could be applied in this  
case.

7 P.M. It looks squally  
to windward and I guess we  
will have to take in sail

9 P.M. Fly jib Main top-  
sail & spanker in  
blowing strong.



Thursday June 20<sup>th</sup>.  
Lat. 15-49 - Lon. 150-04'

Clear and pleasant with  
a strong breeze from the N.E.  
Heading N. by W.

Put some chafing gear on  
the tub to the foretop sail  
yard and done sundry odd  
jobs in the rigging. After  
H.P.M. broke out Cheese and  
Water out the lower Fore hold.  
Poor little Cooper got his  
Bread Scouse and Gingerbread.  
Quite a bill of fare tonight  
for supper; P. Duff, Cheese,  
Butter, Doughnuts, Cookies  
Bread Scouse and Tea.  
Who wouldn't sell a farm  
and come a whaling.

Made sail in the morning  
at present (H.P.M.) every-  
thing out.



Friday June 21<sup>st</sup>

Fine weather with a steady breeze from the N. East - varying about a point at times! Heading N. N. W. commenced rattling down the main to foremast rigging - nearly finished the weather side (starboard). Lat. at noon  $18^{\circ} 05'$

A change of the weather is quite perceptible and we are nearly all affected with a cold in the head. So ends the day - everything out except the Gaff - Fore sail.



Saturday June 22<sup>nd</sup>

Pleasant with a light breeze  
and smooth sea. Wind vary-  
ing from E.N.E. to N.E.  
At sundown N.E. by E.  
heading North <sup>North</sup> West and all  
sail out for the first time  
since leaving Tahiti. Lat.  
at noon  $20^{\circ} 10'$ . Owhyhee  
180 miles off. Captain ex-  
pected it to be visible but  
it was hazy to leeward.  
Hauled out the bowsprit  
shrouds before breakfast  
finished the topmast rigging  
(star. side) in the morning &  
washed off with lye in the  
afternoon



Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Light and variable winds  
but pleasant. Wind  
from E. N. E. to North  
Lat. at noon 21. 49 W.  
Nothing doing - quite a con-  
trast to the Sunday  
when "Charley" reigned  
supreme. Well I'll knock  
off writing and go on deck  
and stand my watch like  
a bloody man. Oh! dear  
I wish ed we could get  
a stiff Nor'wester.

Folger is off duty being  
afflicted with a boil on  
the foot.

I have been reading Scott's  
Maid of Perth and find it very  
interesting so far.



Monday June 24<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy and squally in the morning pleasant in the middle and latter part of the day. A breeze sprang up from the S.W. and we squared the yards - it soon shifted and we traced up again. This is the first time we have "squared in" since leaving Tahiti.

Wind very variable - between S.W. and N. East. At present N.E. - heading N.N.W.

Put some service on the fore-topmast stay and felled the spar which was over the forecable to the starboard side and lashed it to the rail.



Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup>.

Clear and pleasant. Wind  
light all day - wind from  
the N.E. Heaving to N.N.W.  
Lat. at noon  $24^{\circ} 31' N$ .  
Broke out water in the after-  
noon - part of a cask out  
the lower Fore hold. Rogers  
got huff and worked all  
alone on the rigging all the  
morning. Well held and  
pumped ship after 4 P.M.  
Trouble brewing and I hope  
we will soon be at San  
Francisco and get clear of  
the bloody ship.  
7 P.M. Wind nearly all died  
out.



Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup>.

Calm nearly all day - a light breeze sprang up about four o'clock in the afternoon from the North East. Heading N. N. W. Hauled taut the jib gump also the fly-jib guy in the morning. Sent down the Fore-sail and set a full in it and bent it again in the afternoon.

Capt.'s wife is indisposed being afflicted with a severe cold. Day closes with a very light wind from the N. E. but with a prospect of a little more. Folger returned to duty today.

Sat. at noon 25° - 00' North.  
Rodgers has been bleeding Harry.



Thursday June 27<sup>th</sup>

Clear and pleasant with a light breeze varying from East to North East.

Long.  $153^{\circ}-16'$  Lat. at noon  $26^{\circ}-00'$  North which is much better than I expected as yesterday there was but little wind.

Very little going on about deck - pulled the water - butt from out the lower fore hold.

9 A.M. I have just come from the wheel - splendid weather a little cool but pleasant. It seems like October at home.

Captain's wife has an attack of Fever and Ague.



Friday June 28<sup>th</sup>

Clear and pleasant. Wind light in the morning increasing during the middle and latter part of the day - varying from East to North E/south.

Broke out Butter & and and Coffee in the morning and unrigged the "craft" from on top of the house and slaved it down below - the iron and lances in the run and the poles in the Storage.

Washed off at 4 P. M.

So ends the day with a moderate breeze & heading North by West.

Sun. at noon 27°-00 N.



Saturday June 2<sup>nd</sup> 9<sup>th</sup>

Weather variable today -  
in the morning clear and  
pleasant with a strong breeze  
from the East - in the af-  
-ternoon raining with variable  
wind and clear and pleas-  
ant in the latter part  
of the day with wind from  
N. E. by E. The evening N. by W.

Broke out Flour in  
the afternoon also the Sloop  
back - several took shirts  
and Cooper paid me the  
one he lent him.

Today is sister Nellie's  
birthday and I wished I  
was at home I would give  
her a present sure hope.  
Got King sick - cold &  
fever.



Sunday June 30<sup>th</sup>

to clear and pleasant with  
a light breeze varying from  
East to N. East. At present  
tending N.  $\frac{1}{2}$  E. Appearances  
of a change of wind for  
which we are all anxiously  
waiting.

Lat. at noon  $30^{\circ}-30'$  North  
Ran new S by E of Hal-  
liards.



Monday, July 1<sup>st</sup>

Pleasant with a light breeze - wind variable - in the latter part it shifted to North and we tacked ship after supper for the first time since leaving Tahiti being twenty eight days on one tack the longest time this voyage I guess.

Set up the foretopgallant and fore royal backstays also fore-royal stay.

Lat. at noon  $31^{\circ} - 27' N.$

At sundown heading  $E. N. E.$

Variation one and a half points East.



Tuesday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Today begins pleasant with a light breeze increasing slightly in the morning.

Wind N. N. W. afterwards N. W. In the afternoon cloudy and squally. At present (7 P.M.) we have just taken in the Gaff Topsail it blowing fresh from the N. West and squally.

Rattled down the weather main topsail rigging port side.

Washed off at 4 P. M.

Left at noon according to my reckoning 32° 00' N.



Wednesday July 3<sup>rd</sup>

Lat. 32-37 Lon. 107-102

Lowering in the morning  
with a strong breeze - in the  
latter part of the day  
wind light and variable  
with a heavy sea. Wind  
from N. N. W. to N. W.  
Steering N. E.

Broke out Water out the  
Main Hold after 4 o'clock.

Tomorrow is the Glorious  
Fourth - Captain gave  
orders to have a good  
chinner all round. Instead

of killing the "fattest calf"  
we killed the largest pig.

Weather chilly after coming  
from a warm climate it takes  
cold and a blanket at  
night is quite acceptable,  
and necessary Broke out Beef.

Lat. 32-37 Lon. 107-102



Thursday July 4<sup>th</sup>.

Clear and pleasant in the morning calm in the middle and a moderate breeze from the S. W. and the remainder of the day. Steering N. E.

Nothing been doing to day in honor of the day. This is the fourth July we have passed from home and I hope it will be the last. Alone caught three Moon-marks to day. Macla had peast off one of them. So ends the day - dull times aboard and we are all longing for a stiff breeze so as to get to San Francisco.



Friday July 5<sup>th</sup>

Clear and pleasant with  
a moderate breeze from the  
S. West. - Steering N. E.

Lat. at noon 33-53 N.  
Engaged during the day  
in working about the  
rigging.

Day ends clear and pleas-  
ant morning before the  
wind with jibs down and  
spanker up.

Capt's wife came on deck  
for the first time since  
she was sick.



Saturday July 6<sup>th</sup>.

Splendid weather with a moderate breeze from the S. West. Altered the course in the morning to N. E by East.

Flushed down in the morning and broke out water in the main hold and washed off in the afternoon.

Lat. at noon  $34^{\circ}-17' N.$



Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup>.

Pleasant with a moderate  
breeze from the S. West  
Morning N. E. by E.

Left at noon 34-57 N.

Leaving at 8 A.M. 144° - 30 W.

At sundown overcast with  
prospects of a change  
of wind.



Monday July 8<sup>th</sup>.

Lowering with a light breeze from the S. West in the morning - in the afternoon the wind hauled to the Southward. Set the Gaff Toppail and S. panker.

Broke out Sugar and Butter and cleaned the spades in the morning. Painted two kegs which the Cooper made for the Mate and Captain. Broke out Flour and gave Sugar and Butter forward.

Lat. at noon  $35^{\circ} - 15' N$   
Steering N. E. by E.

Day closes cloudy with a moderate breeze - every-thing out. Mr. Rogers had his finger quite badly jammed



Tuesday July 9<sup>th</sup>

Lowering in the morning with  
a moderate breeze - in the  
afternoon clear and pleasant  
Wind S. S. W. Steering N. E.  
by E.

Engaged in the morning  
in scraping and slushing  
the topmasts and 10<sup>th</sup> gallant  
masts on the Fore and Main  
and the same on the Mizzen  
in the afternoon. Mixed  
some paint for the Royal  
Masts

Lat. at noon 35<sup>th</sup> - 48 N.

Wind decreasing during the  
latter part of the day  
Painted the royal masts.



Wednesday, July 10<sup>th</sup>.

Cloudy in the morning with a moderate breeze from the S. E. - in the afternoon clear and pleasant with wind from the S. S. E. and decreasing towards sundown.

Lat. at noon  $35^{\circ} - 28' N$ .

Engaged in doing ship's duty.

Killed the last pig today. Steering N. E. by E.

This is my twenty second birthday and the fourth I have passed on the ship. I thought the previous one would be the last - but Man proposes - God disposes



Thursday July 11<sup>th</sup>.

Cloudy and calm in the morning - in the afternoon clear with a gentle breeze which died away about 4 P.M. Lat. at noon 136 - 45 N.

Tarred the Main and Mizzen Rigging and the back-stays below the Top in the morning - in the afternoon also tarred the Fore Rigging



Friday July 12<sup>th</sup>

Pleasant with a light  
breeze varying from E. N. E.  
to N. by E.

At sundown heading  
N. W. by N. bar 38° - 12'  
Leat. at noon (37° - 24 N.)

Broke out Water be-  
fore break fast.

Engaged during the day  
in tarring down - in the  
morning forward and  
in the afternoon aft  
on the Rigging and Stays.



Saturday July 13<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy and squally with  
a heavy sea. Wind varying  
from N. N. E. to N. East  
Got at noon 37-10 N.

Painted the quarter deck  
where it was stained with  
tar and washed off and  
pumped her out after  
6 o'clock.

Weather quite chilly and  
it takes right hold of  
a fellow, making one  
move around to keep  
warm.

Double-reefed the tops-  
sails after Supper.



Sunday July 14<sup>th</sup>

Squally with a heavy sea  
wind varying from N.W. E.  
to N. E. Wore ship at  
noon - heading N. N. W.  
afterwards.

Heavy sea on - under  
double-reefed topsails, courses  
jib and spanker



Monday July 15<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy with a strong  
breeze and a heavy sea  
on - wind varying from  
N. E. to N. by E.

Left at noon 37° 47' N  
I took the reefs out the  
Main topsail at 4 P. M.

Nothing doing today -  
half the watch on deck  
allowed to go below at  
a time. Weather growing  
colder.



Tuesday July 16<sup>th</sup>.

Cloudy and squally with  
a strong wind from the  
N. ~~N.E.~~ in the morning  
- in the afternoon wind  
hauling to the North by  
East - hazy and squally.  
Wore shift at noon.

Leat. 98 - 40 N.

Broke out 4 flour and  
Bread in the morning  
and Water in the afternoon.  
At sundown heaving to  
by N.. Set the main to  
'gallantsail and fly jib  
at noon.

Paul the steward was  
sent forward and is in  
my watch



Wednesday, July 17<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy and squally -  
wind varying from N. by  
West to North by East.  
Lat. at noon  $38^{\circ}-01'N.$   
Broke out Beef and  
Pork in the morning.  
Took account of the Beef  
and Pork - found 24 lbs  
of beef and  $4\frac{1}{2}$  of Pork.  
At sundown heading E. N. E.  
squally with prospects  
of a storm. It ends the day.



Thursday July 18<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy with the exception  
of a short time at noon.

Wind varying from North  
to N. N. E.

Lat. at noon  $37^{\circ} 52' N.$

Scuttled the rail as far  
forward as the waist  
this afternoon.

At sundown squally and  
thick - heading E. by N. by N.

All sail out having  
made all sail in the  
morning.



Friday July 19<sup>th</sup>,

Cloudy and squally with  
a strong breeze and heavy  
sea. Wind North during  
the day & at sundown it  
hauled to N. by West and  
we checked in the yards  
Starboard watch finished  
scrubbing the rail.  
Steering E. N. East,



Saturday July 20<sup>th</sup>

Weather about the same as yesterday with increased wind from the N. West, steering East North East. We have made a pretty good breeze run the last 24 hours having averaged nearly 7 knots. At sundown San Francisco about 95 miles off - double reefed, hauled up the main sail and spanker and luffed to N. E. by East.

Sighted a barkentine in the morning and a brigantine at noon.

Iv ends the day the last one I hope outside on this bloody coast.



Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup>

Cloudy with a strong Norwester.  
Made sail in the morning.

Sighted the land about 9 o'clock.  
Kept off and took the Pilot  
aboard about noon. Got the anchor  
- chow ready, broke out Water  
and hauled up the cables.  
Entered the "Golden Gate"  
about 5 P.M. and had a good  
opportunity to feast our eyes  
on American soil for the first  
time for four long dreary years.  
Came to an anchor about six  
and a half P.M. lying oppo-  
- site Howard St. Wharf.

Furled the sails - forty five  
fathoms of cable out and the  
starboard anchor down for the  
first time this voyage.

Weather chilly and I have not



formed a very good opinion of San Francisco so far.

Before we came to anchor the boarding house runners were aboard but they did not catch anybody although offering every inducement. I have now eight cards from them and I might have had as many more. I hope we will get ashore soon.

Monday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>

Broke oil - Walter, hauled up some more cable and washed off. A boat's crew went ashore about sundown - Ed and I among the number and we went to the Theatre for the first time this voyage - came off about 12 o'clock well pleased.



with our trip although disappointed in not finding our friends. We looked in a Directory but could find no trace of them. Sent a letter to Father.

Tuesday July 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Everything quiet aboard.  
All the Portuguese have been ashore today - the white fellows went after Supper. Came off at 12 o'clock with one Mr. Rodgers. I met an old acquaintance and it made me feel as if I wasn't quite a stranger in the place. Weather chilly and we are cuddled around the forecabin like frozen rats.



Wednesday July 24<sup>th</sup>

I have not been ashore to day  
having an attack of Diarrhea.  
Sent a letter to sister Belia.  
Received a call from a per-  
son who left home but three  
weeks ago and was grieved to  
hear of the death of Frank  
Hines who died at sea on board  
bark Merlin of New Bedford.  
He was a play mate of mine.  
I suppose the rest of my  
comrades are scattered far  
and wide; a feeling of lone-  
liness steals over me which I  
cannot dispel. But it is of  
no use to mourn.

Capt. Baker came aboard to-  
day. He left New Bedford  
seven days ago being sent by



Mr. Gifford to take the ship home. Called all hands aft and he asked us if we were willing to go home in the vessel. No one seemed willing as everyone is sick and tired of her. We partly agreed to help fit the vessel for sea at the rate of \$1.50 a day. Ed. received a letter from his father who urged him strongly to stick to the ship and I guess we will although much against our inclination. Ed. went ashore this afternoon to find his aunt whose directions he received in his letter. I did not go not feeling very well. Thurston, Paul and Maati all shipped in the Bark



D. C. Murray bound for Honolulu to sail to morrow morning  
Good luck to them. Thus the  
separation has commenced and  
I fear before long we will all  
be separated after remaining  
together four long years. It  
is now about nine o'clock and  
the old Forecastle seems deserted,  
it is in fact with the exception  
of Joel King and Anne who  
are asleep and I who am writing.  
I was in hopes I would be free from  
the ship but it looks as if  
were destined to pass Cape Horn  
in the Gifford again - that is  
if my health is spared.



Thursday July 25<sup>th</sup>

San Francisco weather.  
I think pretty chilly for  
July. Capt. Baker came  
aboard in the morning and  
after some discussion, during  
which the Capt. spread himself  
"and showed what he was,  
we agreed to work and get  
the ship ready & wages at  
the rate of \$9.35 a month.  
Engaged during the day in  
stowing off the Muzzey Hods  
removing the bread from  
between decks and also  
breaking out in the main  
hold. Joe King, Senza,  
John and Steerage boy left  
and are boarding ashore.  
Good luck to them.



Friday July 26<sup>th</sup>

Got the empty casks ready for water and slouced them in the main hold aft. Shoved off the lower fore hold putting all the shooks there after removing the empty casks. Washed off the poop.

Harry has just persuaded me to go ashore so here we go accompanied by Ed.

Tom has received news of his father's death and is greatly afflicted thereby. Poor fellow! how he is to be pitied.



Saturday July 27<sup>th</sup>.

Weather milder & day - in the morning the land obscured by the fog. The water boat came off and we filled all the casks - it took about 175 bbls. Broke out the Sail Room & found some new sails - reslowed it.

Capt. Sweet came off at sundown bringing off a bbl. of Salmon and something a great deal more attractive to us - that is our wages \$9.50 a piece. Ed. Bell, Antone and Harry are ashore, while I am resting for tomorrow.



Sunday July 25<sup>th</sup>

Sunday opened clear and fair and I determined to take a tramp ashore. I started shortly after 8 A.M. and in company with Nat. Kelly (an old playmate) took quite a survey of the city walking with but little intermission from morning until nearly five o'clock. In the afternoon I went out to find Brad. Kelly but did not succeed. I wished I could find my friends - it seems so strange to see so many faces and all strangers amongst them. Never mind, I will get home soon.



Monday July 29<sup>th</sup>

Clear and pleasant. Carried all the boys ashore to get discharged but it was not effected for some reason or other. Ed and I have been painting the star side below the bands.

Cook has been sick today and we ate our meals at a restaurant and everything appears lovely for the present. Ed, Bill, Holger and I went to the New American Theatre and all came aboard. Capt. Sweet and wife left today bag and baggage.



Tuesday July 30<sup>th</sup>.

Ed. and I still at work  
framed the front side to-  
day. All the fellows got  
their discharge today settling  
at the rate of \$10 a gallon  
for their oil & Cooper lead  
but \$9 coming to him. Tom, Bill,  
and Folger took an order.  
Bill expressed his sentiments  
too freely and was ordered  
out the Office by Capt. Ba-  
ker. Bill is disgusted with  
the whaling business and ~~ships~~  
on board the Bark Caroline  
Read a lumberman and  
sails tomorrow morning.  
I fell in with Brad. Kelly today  
and in his company last evening  
I passed one of the pleasantest  
evenings of my life.



Wednesday July 31<sup>st</sup>

Gave the starboard side another coat today. Carried the Consul's shells and "old Charley's" Meats ashore and took an account of the Bread and Flour.

While going in about 4 o'clock I was met by my old shipmate Jim Coffin who has been stopping here some time. Poor fellow! I fear Consumption has obtained the mastery of him. Bill sailed this morning and Tom and Folger left this afternoon on a schooner bound up the coast for lumber - wages \$45 a month. Good luck to them and if it were not for the express commands of my parents I would soon follow.



in their footsteps. Ed and I was discharged and reshipper for the 100<sup>th</sup> day and \$25 a month. — just four years ago to night Father brought my "donkey" aboard & but Oh! with what different feelings than I experience to night.

Mr. Rogers was arrested on a charge of petty larceny. He has been detected selling some pork and old junk and now poor fellow is confined in jail.

Black Bell the boatman is also arrested but is released on bail. A watchman is now aboard who together with Cook, Ed and I are the sole occupants of the ship. Ed. and I have a gay time. We



go ashore three times a day  
for our meals and have but  
little to do and we contemplate  
taking a trip to Sacramento  
on the strength of our ad-  
vance. Oh! Shoo fly!  
get off my heel.

Thursday Aug. 1st  
Painted the hull side in  
the morning - Ed. and I  
acting as Captain and Mate  
et cetera. The new Mate  
(Mr. Allen) came aboard this  
afternoon and the second  
mate brought off some of  
his things. Ed. and I have  
been ashore nearly all the after-  
noon and we drew our advance  
and had a "gammon" with our



old shipmate Jim Coffin. We called on Frank Merrill at his brother's office and I received a letter which eased my mind a great deal. We went ashore last evening and walked or rather promenaded with Brad. Kelly returning in good season aboard. Mr. Rogers has been tried and will be sentenced tomorrow. Bill was discharged on payment of \$20. twenty dollars.

Friday Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup>

Mate in charge today. Broke out the sail pen and sent the old sails ashore to bring in off the new ones. Also ripped the sheathing off the waterways and scraped



them. Jim came off to pay  
the Cook a visit. Mr. Rogers  
came off and carried his things  
ashore. He seemed quite jubi-  
lant over his release although  
it ~~cost~~ cost him twenty dollars.  
Jim King has been working a-  
board today. Ed and I  
stopped aboard to night to  
prepare for tomorrow night.

Saturday Aug 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Washed off the waterways with  
hose in the morning and  
painted them in the after-  
noon. A schooner collided  
with us in the morning  
throwing our <sup>anchor</sup> port completely  
in order and causing the  
cable which was overhauled



to run out - no further dam-  
age to us but the schooner  
parted her jibstay and  
kept on her course without  
saying aye, yes, or no. Ed.  
& I are going  
ashore leaving Mr. Allen  
and Cook aboard. Kaurah  
for a time. Domingo.

Sunday, Aug 4<sup>th</sup>  
Ed and I stopped ashore  
last night coming off at  
six this morning. We started  
again at 9 o'clock, and in  
company with Brad. Kelly  
we had a glorious time.  
We paid a visit to Wood-  
ward's Gardens and took



sea at Brad's house. Ed. and  
rode in a Horse Car the  
first time for four years.

We came aboard about 6  $\frac{1}{2}$   
P.M. The boatman who  
pulled us off told Ed.  
there was a telegram for  
him at Mr. Merrill's  
Office and poor fellow  
Ed. seems much worried.  
I hope it does not <sup>contain</sup> ~~contain~~  
any bad news.

Monday Aug 5<sup>th</sup>  
Broke out the Hook's  
share of the slash in the  
morning. We went ashore  
to settle with the buyer and  
got cheated. The fellow



agreed to give \$1/2 per lb.  
but on getting ashore dropped  
his price to eight dollars.  
We received five dollars for  
our share. In the afternoon  
inserted a link in the lower  
bobstay and set it up again  
and cork bled the fore-  
anchor. Ed. and I went  
ashore and purchased  
quite a stock of articles  
which we will need on  
our way home. Ed. got  
the Telegram and answered  
it - cost \$4.00.

Commenced today at  
the rate of \$2.5 a month.

We got paid today for  
last week, \$8.12 1/2.



Tuesday Aug 6<sup>th</sup>.

We have been quite busy today ~~with~~ and have two additions to our number, Cooper and a Boatsteerer. I anted around in the morning and took the wood and nearly all the stores aboard in the afternoon. I am pretty tired and I guess I will turn in 9<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> P.M., I will defer writing until tomorrow.

Wednesday Aug 7<sup>th</sup>.

We have been busy today getting ready for sea. I staid like after hold in the morning also the run and took a lot of Stores aboard in the afternoon, I am very tired



Nearly all the crew came aboard today and they are all Portuguese Ed and I the only white ones forward but I am going to try and write a few lines.

Thursday, Aug 8<sup>th</sup>

No going ashore any more for meals to the Restaurant Engaged in stowing off and fixing up. Bent the new Main Royal and gave the water way another coat of paint. In addition to our number and a chum. for Ed and I.

Friday, Aug 9<sup>th</sup>

I guess this the last day in port. Orders for sailing early in the morning. We have been finishing up today. Rang the catfalls. Ed and I are the only ones allowed to go ashore.



Capt. Baker came off at  
night with his goods.  
I am going to write to  
Soul. I sent a letter today.

Saturday Aug 10<sup>th</sup>  
Called "all hands" at  
five o'clock and here  
short. Capt. Baker came  
off in the tug boat and we  
hoisted up and was towed out  
by the tug Jos H. Redmond.  
Sent the worst boat ashore  
just after daylight.

Tug left us at anchor  
and we made all sail  
standing by the wind.  
Fished and called the  
anchors, stowed the fore-  
cable and part of the



started and one leaving it  
shackled. Engaged during  
the rest of the day in  
scrubbing the boats inside  
and out. To hose off the  
matches at 6 P.M. Ed and  
I in the mate's watch.

Only four foremast-hands  
in a watch and I don't  
see how we are to catch  
any whales. Wind light  
all day. At sundown  
West. Steering S. S. W.  
Several Merchant men  
in sight. Ed and I in  
the mate's boat and  
I am glad of it. I feel  
quite sick and Ed. has  
an attack of fever.  
Wished I were in N. Bedford.



Sunday, Aug 11<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy with a light breeze. Wind N. W.

Reel the Mizen  
T. H. I taysail & dave  
H's m'down steering S. S.  
E. All sail out.

Boatsteers aloft at masthead  
Monday, Aug. 12<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy in the morning  
in the afternoon we got  
a peek at the sun and it  
seemed quite cheerful.

Painted the booms inside  
and put in the ceiling.

Wet & hold in the afternoon  
H wove the start or d cable  
and stowed it. Captain  
making a studding sail.



Tuesday Aug. 13<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy with a strong breeze from the N. West. All sail out.

Painted the starboard boat outside and commenced fitting the craft. Still engaged on the studding-sail. Steering South. Weather chilly and a few more froge.

Wednesday Aug. 14<sup>th</sup>

A little clearer today. Wind about the same.

Engaged in sewing sail and painting the starboard boat. Broke out flour.

Spent this day. Steering S. E. by S. Shepper now - a days at Cock or thereabouts. Some new wrinkles.



Thursday, Aug 15<sup>th</sup>

Pleasant with a moderate  
breeze - wind about North.  
Lat. at noon 28-08 N.  
Finished the <sup>etc</sup> studding sail  
and set it forward. Engaged  
in mending the Foretopmast  
Staysail and making a netting  
for the Onions. Steering S.E.

Friday, Aug. 16<sup>th</sup>

Lowering with a moderate  
breeze from the N. West.  
Steering S.E.

Bent the Fore topmast  
staysail. Captain made a pota  
to beer and we put a cask  
of potatoes therein. Put the  
Onion netting up and filled  
it. Washed off as usual.  
Sends this day.



Saturday Aug 17<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy with a moderate breeze with wind N. West. Steering S. East.

Engaged in painting the ship inside. Wind light at sundown. All sail out.

Sunday Aug 18<sup>th</sup>

Pleasant with wind light. Steering S. E.

Lat. at noon  $23^{\circ} - 34$  S.

But little doing today and I employed my time in setting my jumpcatcher.

Monday, Aug 19<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy with a light breeze. Steering S. E. Lat. at noon.

$22^{\circ} - 34$ . Broke out Water, painted the bowsprit and jib boom and Mizzensmast. Well hauled and



washed off after 4 P. M.  
Supper at six P. M.

Tuesday, Aug. 20<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy with a light breeze in the morning - in the latter part blowing stronger - probably N.E. Trades. Steering S.E. by S. Pumped shaft and hauled the <sup>top</sup> on the forward house in the morning - in the afternoon righted up the spritsail yard and set up the jib guys. So ends the day.

Wednesday, Aug. 21<sup>st</sup>

Pleasant with a light breeze in the morning increasing in the middle and latter part of the day. Engaged during the day in putting the yards steering S.E. by South, Broke out Beef.



Thursday, Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Lowering with a moderate breeze increasing towards the latter part of the day. — the day ending with a heavy fall of rain the first since leaving port. Steering S. E. Cleaned the muskets and stowed them away. Broke out Molasses, — a Keg to each man. Also broke out a bag of Barley. So ends the day!

Friday, Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Squally and unpleasant with a heavy sea. Wind variable — latter part of the day N. N. W. Steering E. S. E. Lat at noon 16.41' — I covered the try pots and done a little mason work on the



try works. One foremast  
topped at Masthead in com-  
pany with a boat steerer.  
Supper at 6 o'clock - we are kept  
hoping until dark. Never mind  
it is only for six or seven  
months. P.M. It looks as  
if we were going to have some  
rain. I think we have enough  
already. Weather growing warm-  
er and clothing is getting  
being taken off.

Saturday Aug 24  
Squally and rainy with a  
strong breeze. Wind varying  
from S.W. to W.N.W.  
At sundown steering S.E. by  
E. 1/2 E. blowing strong with  
a heavy sea running and  
the light sails; a flanker  
in and boats on upper  
cranes. Broke out flaker  
after 11 o'clock. raining at the  
time.



Sunday Aug. 25<sup>th</sup>  
Lat.  $33^{\circ} 24'$  South 211.

Cloudy and squally with a heavy sea. Wind about N. by E. towards the latter part of the day wind hauled to the southward. Steering S. E. by E. Fly jib blew parted and the sail was badly torn before it could be got in. Made new sheets and beat the new Fly jib. 7 P.M. Weather moderating.

Monday, Aug 26<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy with a moderate breeze in the afternoon being. Took the boat from off the house and placed it on the cranes. Moved the deck - put in the steerage and put the water butt below and fixed and washed off.



getting at 6 P.M. which  
regarded much dis-  
-tress. Steering S. East.  
Grounds the day

Tuesday, Aug 27<sup>th</sup>

Squally with rain - wind  
moderating towards the latter  
part of the day. Steering  
S.E. by S. Log, 108° 43"  
Lat. 11° 10' S. Pumped ship  
in the morning. Crew engaged  
in doing ship's duty. Patching  
sails et cetera. Wind North

Wednesday, Aug. 28<sup>th</sup>

Light winds in the morning  
with rain. Lowered for black-  
fish just before breakfast. -  
male fastened but the iron  
drawed. Caught a cowfish last  
night in the first watch. Saw  
a sail on our lee beam. Short-  
ened sail at sundown - squally.  
Engaged in picking the topstays



also took the bowsprit shrouds  
on deck and freckled them.  
Steering S. E. So ends this day.

Thursday Aug. 29<sup>th</sup>  
Squally with rain in the  
morning and pleasant with  
a strong breeze in the after-  
noon. Wind varying from  
S. W. to S. by W. At sundown  
steering by the wind. Heading  
S. E. by E. Crew engaged in  
doing ship's duty. So ends  
the day.

Friday, Aug. 30<sup>th</sup>  
Squally with rain. Wind S. by W.  
Steering by the wind S. E. by E.  
Heading. Engaged during the  
day in mending the old Fly-  
jib, making foot ropes and  
reeving new and shifting old  
rigging. Fore top sail hal yards  
hauled. Work ceases at 6 P. M.



Saturday Aug 31<sup>st</sup>

Pleasant with a strong breeze  
from the South and a heavy  
sea. Steering by the wind  
heading E. S. E.! Engaged during  
the day preparing foot ropes,  
overhauling running rigging blocks  
et cetera. After 4 P. M. broke out  
Bread, Flour and Sugar.  
Supper at 6 1/2 P. M.

Set the light sails in the  
morning. Lat. 6° 24' North  
Long. 163° - W.

Three weeks out from San  
Francisco today and this  
is the first day we have  
seen the sun for any length  
of time.

Sunday, Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>

Clear and pleasant with  
a strong breeze from the South.  
steering by the wind. Heading



E. S. E. Nothing doing  
for a wonder - the first day  
since leaving port. - Lat 5-22  
Lon. 100° 21' W.

Monday, Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Cloudy with a moderate breeze  
from S. S. W. Steering by the  
wind - heading S. East -

"All hands" on deck today.

Engaged during the morning  
working in the Fore Hold!

Hoisted the Flour and Bread  
coopered it and restowed it.

In the afternoon broke out  
Water, wet hold & washed off.

Saw "blowz" - a pintack.

Tacked ship - the first time  
since leaving port. Broke out  
Pork and od ends the day.

Tuesday, Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Cloudy and squally with wind  
from the South. Heading E. S. E.

Engaged during the day on



preparing foot ropes, Pumped  
Ship - gave new Main Royal  
Brace. So ends this day. The  
Captain has given Ed and I  
some New Bedford Papers -  
quite a treat.

Wednesday Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>  
Cloudy with a moderate  
breeze from S. S. E. to South.  
Engaged in overhauling  
blocks et cetera. A new  
Jib Hoallards. At sundown  
heading S. W. So ends the  
day. Lat  $2^{\circ} 49'$  North  
One of the Port Mainmast  
backstays discovered stranded.

Thursday Sept 5<sup>th</sup>  
Cloudy with a moderate  
breeze - and S. S. E..  
Lowered for blackfish in  
the morning - did not fasten.  
Engaged in repairing the



stranded backstay - inserted  
two new strands we did not  
finish. So ends this day.

Friday, Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>.

Cloudy in the morning with  
drizzling rain. About 11 A.M.  
cleared off and since then  
we have had the best weather  
since leaving port. Wind  
varying from S. S. E. to S. E.  
by E. At sundown heading  
S. by E. Finished the top-  
mast backstay and set it  
up and put new footropes  
on the mainyard. In close  
proximity to the Equator -  
will probably cross by  
sundown. So ends this day.



Saturday, Sept 7<sup>th</sup>.

Cloudy with a strong breeze.  
in the morning - wind mod-  
-erating towards sundown.

Wind E. S. E., Steering S. by W.  
Engaged in working about the  
Rigging. Made a new pennant  
for the ~~the~~ Fore brace, new  
Fore topsail Clewlines. Lowered  
for Blackfish about 5 1/2 P.M.

Day ends clear and pleasant.  
Put a new foot rope on the  
starboard side of the Fore yard.  
Sat. at noon 1° - 20 South.

Sunday, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>.

Lowering with a variable wind  
from E. S. E. to S. S. E.. At sun-  
down heading S. W. by South.

Raised black fish and lowered  
about 3 P.M.. Mr. Souza caught  
one. Got aboard about 4 1/2 P.M.



ripped of his hide, and  
stuck in the "cooler". Lat.  
got noon 2° 55' South.  
So ends this day and my first  
watch out.

Monday, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>.  
Sowering with a moderate breeze  
from the S. E.. Engaged in  
repairing the running rigging  
Made a new pendant for the  
port Fore brace and put on  
the other foot rope. Saw blackfish  
and lowered about 2 1/2 P. M.  
Caught three - got aboard  
about five o'clock and stuffed  
the blubber. Mate is prepar-  
ing another Poke. Mate caught  
two and Louya one and lost  
two. Steering by the wind-head-  
ing S. W. by S.. all sail out.



Tuesday Sept 14/91

Clear and pleasant with a moderate S. East. breeze.

Lon. at 4 P.M.  $105^{\circ} - 37'$ .

Engaged in the morning in heaving the blubber.

Mate fitted three traps.

In the afternoon overhauled blocks and Wet-Hold.

Tacked at sun down heading E. S. E.

One month out today and we are all eager for sperm whales. Saw white water in the morning.

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Cal.